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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

C. Randal Mills *et al.*

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For: Process and Apparatus for
Treating Implants
Comprising Soft Tissue

Examiner: Not Yet Known

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the specification and claims as follows.

Amendments to the Specification are shown beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.